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1. Webinar: Inclusion of Young Children with Disabilities, Session 2: State Strategies to Promote Inclusive Practices

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2014, 3:30-4:30 pm EDT

[The Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center \(ECTA\)](#) and [Early Learning Challenge Technical Assistance \(ELC TA\)](#) are partnering to host a series of webinars that will provide up to date information regarding supports and resources to promote early childhood inclusion.

This webinar is free and no CEUs will be provided. Questions may be directed to Megan Vinh at megan.vinh@unc.edu

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Sign-ups to attend this event are required.

2. Ann K. Levy T.E.A.C.H. Memorial Scholarship Fund

One of Florida's early childhood champions, Dr. Ann K. Levy, passed away on January 4, 2015. Many in the field of early childhood education knew Dr. Levy as her career included roles as a teacher in elementary and early childhood settings, staff director to the Florida House of Representatives Education Committee, project director at the Florida Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy, and adjunct professor and director of the Education Research Center for Child Development at Florida State University. Dr. Levy served on many local, state and national boards and advisory groups to include the Governing Board for the National Association for the Education of Young Children, President of the Florida Association for the Education of Young Children, Chair of the State Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Services established by the Legislature, Chair of the Children's Forum Board of Directors, President of the Leon Association for the Education of Young Children, and President of Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend and the One Goal Summer Conference Planning Committee. Dr. Levy was honored to receive the Chiles Advocacy Award, the Budd Bell Child Advocate of the Year Award, and the Nancy Thomas Collaboration Award for her exemplary service to young children and those who care for and educate them.

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Ann K. Levy T.E.A.C.H. Memorial Scholarship Fund continued

To honor her legacy, the Children's Forum has established the **Ann K. Levy T.E.A.C.H. Memorial Scholarship Fund**. Dr. Levy was a staunch advocate for ensuring that teachers had opportunities for ongoing education and recognized the important link between teacher competence and child success.

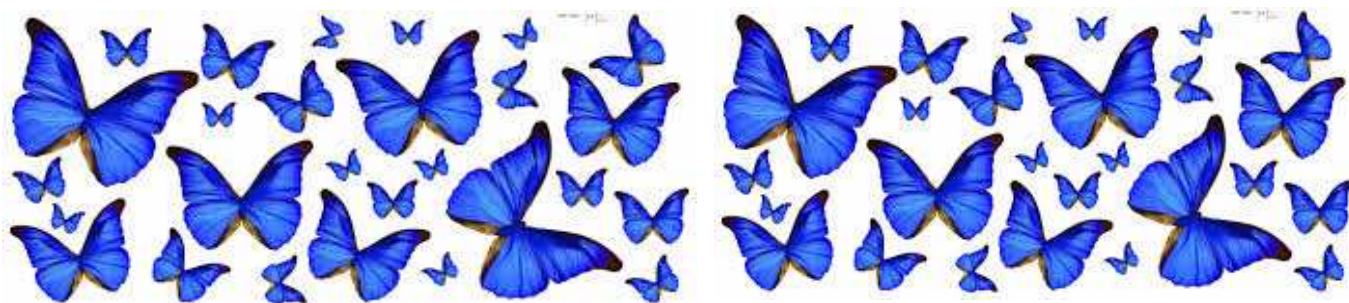
"This scholarship will serve as a lasting tribute to the incredible work of a gracious and special early childhood advocate. We are humbled to honor her in this manner and look forward to awarding the scholarship to an individual who embodies the spirit and passion for young children that Ann emulated," stated Dr. Phyllis Kalifeh, President & CEO of the Children's Forum.

Robert Buesing, Chair of the Board of Directors for the Children's Forum and prominent Tampa attorney shared, "All of the proceeds contributed to the **Ann K. Levy T.E.A.C.H. Memorial Scholarship Fund** will go directly to support a deserving early childhood practitioner in the quest for higher education." "We are saddened by her passing but pleased to be able to honor her memory in such a special way," he added.

Those wishing to make contributions to the Ann K. Levy Scholarship Fund may click on the link below or mail a check made payable to the Children's Forum to:

*Ann K. Levy T.E.A.C.H. Memorial Scholarship Fund, Children's Forum,
2807 Remington Green Circle, Tallahassee, FL, 32308.*

Or go online to donate: <http://www.flchild.com/AnnLevyFund.php>



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